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L. R. Houston

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ORE

FROM: Assistant Director, OGD

W. L. Pforzheim

SUBJECT: ORE Series publication dates compared with  
"information available as of" dates.

1. A suggestion: Might we not find some means either (1) to lessen the timelag between preparation dates and publication dates in the ORE Series, or (2) to make it clear to all readers just why so great a timelag is necessary?

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2. ORE 20-50, "Economic Situation in Yugoslavia", has just come to my desk bearing a publication date of 1 September, and containing on page 1 a statement that it is based on information available as of 12 May. This is a delay of nearly three and a half months - which seems excessive, and which some day will cause adverse comment. You will recall that the Senate recently pressed its investigation of ORE 18-50 to the point of insisting upon having in its own files the actual signed receipts showing just when each recipient of that paper received his copy.

3. I expect the delay in publication is largely caused by dilatory tactics in the IAC agencies when we attempt to get concurrences. Might it not be well, then, to publish in each such paper a brief chronology of the delays responsible for the overall timelag between first draft and final publication? This would put pressure on the chronic dissenters and procrastinators, and to some degree would forestall criticism of ORE and CIA.

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cc: DCI via Acting Executive  
Chief, COAPS  
General Counsel ✓  
AD/OSI

*Good  
Agree! WLB*

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